Navigation Guide: The Overview/Data Pane

The Citizen Connect homepage is separated into three major categories: the Filter pane, the Map, and The Overview/Data Pane.

The Overview/Data Pane:

The Overview/Data pane is on the left of the map and houses the map and map tools. It also houses the button that allows you to create an alert.

1. Overview Tab

The overview tab provides an introduction to Citizen Connect, as well as a list of each of the partnered agencies, including Hays County Sheriff's Office, San Marcos Police Department, Kyle Police Department, Buda Police Department, and Texas State University Police Department. Under each department's name are contact numbers for the agency's non-emergency line and Records Division. Citizen Connect also presents various links and contact information for any relevant City entities.

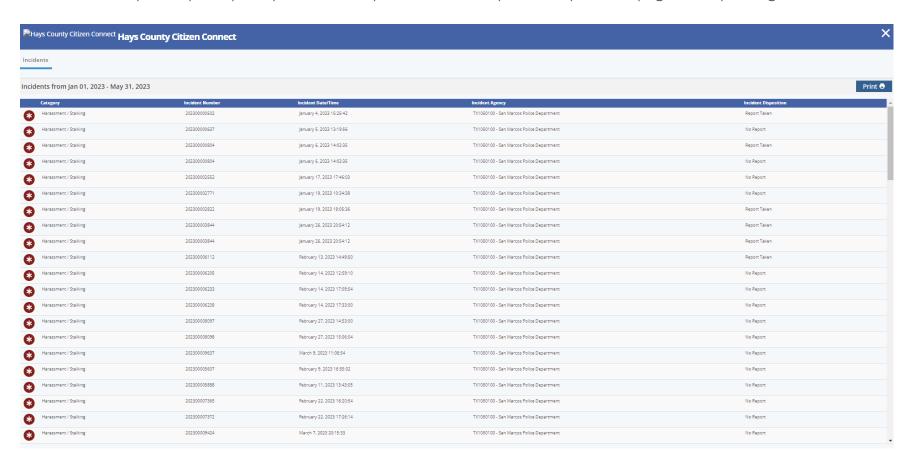
2. O Auto Map Update

This tool should only need to used if you have been in the system for several days and have not seen updated incidents. This should not be a concern however, as the system is programmed to automatically update information with a 24-hour lag. If incidents are not updated from the last 24-hours, however, please notify an entity in the partnership so that it may be addressed.

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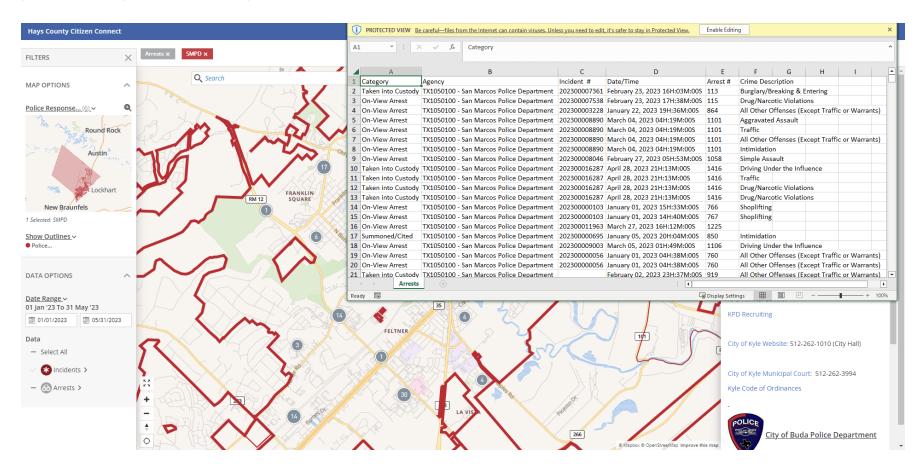
3. Print Option

The print option provides a printable table of all the selected incidents or arrests. When printing incidents, this will provide the category of the incident, the incident number, the incident date/time, the incident agency, and the incident disposition (or what occurred upon response). The picture below presents an example of this printable page when printing incidents.



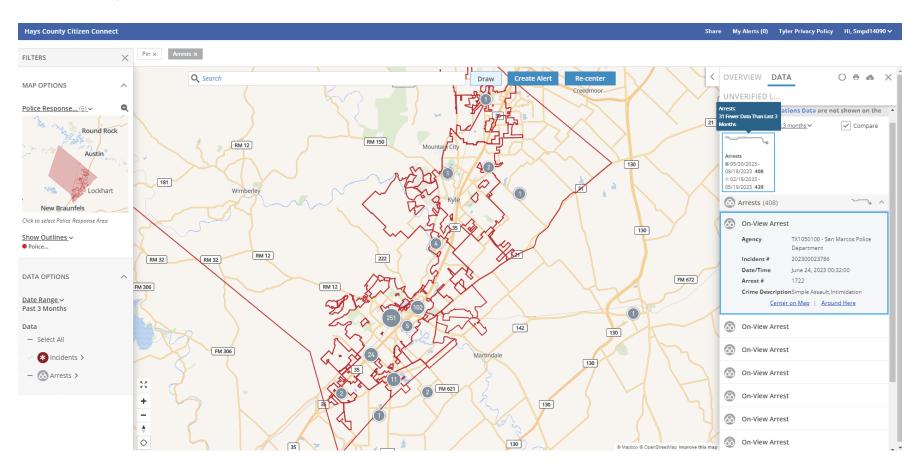
4. Download Option

The download option provides an excel download of all the selected incidents or arrests. When downloading arrest information, this will provide the category of the arrest, the agency that conducted the arrest, the incident number attached to the arrest, the date/time of the arrest number, and the crime description. If there is any missing information in the arrest download, this is most likely because the offense or arrest is still being verified by the agency in question. The picture below presents an example of this download.



5. Data Tab

Next to the Overview tab is a Data tab. This tab will only appear when data is actually in the map; otherwise the tab is hidden. The data tab allows you to check trends of the filtered data, quickly look through the available arrests to look at, and compare filtered searches. An interesting tool that this tab provides is a Compare tool. Once data is filtered in, selecting the Compare tool will allow you to compare this data from a specified timeframe. For instance, if you isolate arrest trends from over the last 3 months in a selected area, by selecting the Compare tool, this will automatically run a time-based comparison between the last three month timeframe and the prior three month timeframe. From here, you can see how the trends overlap overtime and how many more or less arrests there were from timeframe one to timeframe two.



Unverified Location Data. Citizen Connect is a map-based tool, meaning that it is dependent on the location of the incident or arrest to provide data. In some cases, addresses are unable to be verified automatically given small mistakes in inputting an address or system malfunctions. Citizen Connect does take this into consideration, however, and provides a missing address data excel download. Please note that this data will not be able to be grouped by location, meaning that if you want to perform a search of incidents or arrests based on a narrowed location (ex. Neighborhood) the unverified location data will not be tied to that area specifically. Adding in that data will need to come with the caveat of an unverified location.

